



THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 10/697,002 Confirmation No. 9915  
Applicant : K. TANAHASHI et al  
Filed : October 31, 2003  
Title : PERPENDICULAR MAGNETIC RECORDING MEDIUM,  
MANUFACTURING PROCESS OF THE SAME, AND  
MAGNETIC STORAGE APPARATUS USING THE SAME  
TC/AU : 1773  
Examiner : H.C. Rickman  
Docket No. : NIT-401  
Customer No.: 24956

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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action (Final Rejection) of May 18, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows. A Petition and fee for a two-month Extension of Time also accompanies this response.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks / Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.

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